

CMS Hospice Public Reporting Key Dates for Providers

CMS encourages providers to be familiar with the important dates outlined in the tables below. Providers will need to submit all HIS modification or inactivation records prior to the “freeze date” and the 4.5 month data correction deadline for public reporting for the modifications to be reflected in the corresponding HIS Provider Preview Report and Hospice Compare refresh.

***Note: The “freeze date” always occurs before the HIS Provider Preview Report becomes available in your CASPER folder.** Once your Preview Report is issued, it is too late to modify the underlying HIS data included in the report, which will be publicly posted during the corresponding Hospice Compare refresh. If a hospice disagrees with their quality measure results (denominator or quality metric) contained within their HIS Provider Preview Report, they will have an opportunity to request review of the calculations by CMS. Please see the [HIS Preview Report and Requests for CMS Review of HIS Data](#) Tab for more information.

Hospice Compare Refresh Schedule, Preview Periods, and Freeze Dates

Refresh Date	May 2019	August 2019	November 2019	February 2020
Refresh Reflects Patient Stays Discharged for Quarters (HIS)	Quarter 3, 2017–Quarter 2, 2018	Quarter 4 2017–Quarter 3 2018	Quarter 1 2018–Quarter 4 2018	Quarter 2 2018–Quarter 1 2019
CAHPS Quarters included in Refresh (Dates refer to patients’ dates of death)	Quarter 3, 2016- Quarter 2, 2018	Quarter 4, 2016- Quarter 3, 2018	Quarter 1 2017–Quarter 4 2018	Quarter 2 2017–Quarter 1 2019
HIS Data Freeze Date <i>Providers submit HIS Modification and Inactivation Records by this date for changes to be reflected in the next Provider Preview Reports and Hospice Compare Refresh</i> <i>(HIS records to be submitted and accepted into the QIES ASAP system by 11:59:59 p.m. E.T.)</i>	11/15/2018	2/15/2019	5/15/2019	8/15/2019

HIS and CAHPS Provider Preview Reports Available in CASPER Folder	03/01/2019	05/30/2019	09/02/2019	12/02/2019
30-Day HIS and CAHPS Provider Preview Period <i>Requests for CMS review of HIS or CAHPS data must be submitted by 11:59:59 p.m. E.T. on day 30 of the preview period</i>	03/01/2019- 03/31/2019	05/30/2019- 07/01/2019	09/02/2019- 10/2/2019	12/02/2019- 01/02/2020

4.5 Month Data Correction Deadline for Public Reporting

To improve upon the freeze date policy and ensure that Hospice Compare is an accurate and consistent representation of hospice quality, CMS instituted a 4.5 month data correction deadline for public reporting in the FY 2019 Hospice Final Rule. This policy was implemented as of January 1, 2019. The 4.5 month data correction deadline for public reporting is now the “freeze date.”

This means that providers will have 4.5 months following the end of each calendar year (CY) quarter to review and correct their HIS records with target dates (which is the admission date for HIS-Admission records and discharge date for HIS-Discharge record) in that quarter for public reporting. After this 4.5 month data correction deadline has passed, HIS data from that calendar quarter will be permanently frozen for the purposes of public reporting. Updates made after the correction deadline will **not appear** in any subsequent Hospice Compare refresh. This policy is at the HIS record-level, meaning a patient's HIS-Admission and HIS-Discharge records may have different data correction deadlines.

Upcoming Data Correction Deadlines for Public Reporting

Target Date of HIS Record	HIS Record Data Correction Deadline for Public Reporting (11:59:59 p.m. E.T.)
Quarter 1, 2019 (01/01/19–03/31/19)	August 15, 2019
Quarter 2, 2019 (04/01/19–06/30/19)	November 15, 2019
Quarter 3, 2019 (07/1/19–09/30/19)	February 15, 2020
Quarter 4, 2019 (10/1/19–12/31/19)	May 15, 2020